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Gen. George Smith Patton, Jr.



SPECIAL CACHETED COVERS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS. 400 covers were prepared by American Airlines and cached with an original design created by artist Milton Caniff to mark the dedication of the new airport terminal at Newark, N. J. Inspecting one of the covers which was flown between the four airports in the New York metropolitan area, left to right, Milton Caniff; Cecil M. Bennett, supervisor of Newark Airmail Post Office; O. M. Mosier, vice president American Airlines; Ernest Kehr, national chairman Stamps For The Wounded. None of the covers were made available to the public. All were given to hospitalized veterans.

—American Airlines photo

\$30,000 Robbery At S.P.A. Meet

A daring early evening robbery at the Hillsborough Hotel, Tampa, Fla., scene of the 59th annual convention and exhibition of the Society of Philatelic Americans, had conventioners agog.

Victim of the theft was Lambert W. Gerber, Tamaqua, Pa. stamp dealer who had staged the convention auction Friday evening August 14. The loss was variously estimated as being between \$30,000 and \$35,000 and consisted of auction lots which had been the subject of successful bids by mail clients.

Floor bidders had paid for and removed their material at the end of the sale.

Lots for the mail clients had been taken to his hotel room at the close of the auction by Mr. Gerber pending his subsequent mailing of them. It was while he was away at dinner that the robbery occurred.

Tampa police were immediately called in upon discovery of the crime. No arrests had been made by late Saturday afternoon August 15.

Mr. Gerber advises that those persons who placed the material in his hands for sale are fully protected by insurance since each of his sales are fully covered against loss of any kind.

Artist, Artwork On New Italian Stamp

One of Italy's better known painters, Luca Signorelli, was honored with a commemorative stamp issued August 18, according to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City. The artist is shown in a full length portrait posed before one of his pictures, in the stamp design.



This background picture is in a light green, the balance of the design is in a brown. The face value is 25 Lire.

Overprinting of AMG-FTT on the Signorelli made it usable for postage in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste.

Patton At Fort Knox November 11

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced that the commemorative stamp honoring General George S. Patton, Jr. and the Armored Forces of the U. S. Army will be placed on first day sale at Fort Knox, Kentucky, November 11.

Further details with regard to the design and color of the stamp will be announced later.

New Newspaper Wrapper Issued

Newspaper wrappers bearing an impressed 2½ pence stamp portraying Queen Elizabeth II are now available at post offices in Australia. Release date at the General Post Office in each State capital was August 5.

Other offices will receive supplies as the King George VI type becomes exhausted. To meet the convenience of collectors, the new wrapper is now available at Philatelic Sections in all States.

It was consecrated to the memory (Continued on page 11)

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For the Pacific National Exhibition at Vancouver, B.C., August 26 to September 7 the cachet will read, "A Royal Show for A Royal Year," and have the exhibition emblem. The other, in simpler format, is for the West Kootenay Fall Exhibition from September 10 to 12 at Nelson, B. C.

Collectors must print the name and address, or write it legibly, on the right side of their envelopes, enclose a stuffer and affix Canadian postage stamps at the rate of four cents for surface mail and seven cents airmail. (Canadian and American residents only, foreign higher).

Those not having Canadian postage stamps should forward a money order or bank draft payable for the exact amount in Canadian funds, made payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Such payment must be enclosed to the respective postmasters at Vancouver and Nelson with the prepared envelopes, and the request for the cachet.

Cash, checks or United States Postal Notes are not acceptable.

"Philatelist Annals" Makes Inaugural

An impressive piece of work is the first edition of "The Aero Philatelist Annals", a quarterly publication of Aero Philatelists Inc., which made its bow with the July 1953 edition.

This group which makes its headquarters at 1860 Broadway, New York 23, N.Y., has members in various parts of the United States interested in the stamps, covers and collateral material pertaining to airmail.

Articles in the first number are "U. S. Buffalo Balloon" by H. M. Goodkind, the editor; "Surinam 5 Gld. of 1941"; "Sudan" by J. L. Wacht; "Iceberg Zeppelin Issue" by H. M. Goodkind; "Honduras 1930 Official Airmails" by Irving I. Green. Also included are several other articles.

The magazine is well illustrated and printed on a good grade of stock which will make of it the "keep type" piece of reference material.

Roosevelt "Classic" In Late October

The Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago will stage its annual "Fall Classic" October 24 and 25 at the Englewood Masonic Temple, 6739 Yale Avenue near Marquette Road.

This year's exhibition marks the 20th Anniversary of the society. The competition for awards is expected to be keen; a preliminary review of the entries indicating close to 300 frames, of material heretofore not generally exhibited.

Details of bourse reservations may be obtained from Dr. Joe D. Comroe, 25 E. Washington St. Chicago, 2, Ills. Other information can be gotten from C. P. Jorgensen, 8006 Vernon Ave., Chicago, 19, Ills.

Other awards will include trophies in each section of the show, and medals.

Exhibits will be accepted by invitation only but collectors who may desire to compete for the grand award are urged to write to Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc., 38 Norman Road, Newark 6, N.J., stating the scope of their material and the probable number of frames required.

All such inquiries will be referred to the Advisory Committee of the exhibition for consideration and those who have fine material will likely receive invitations to show.

Oct. 2-4—Oklahoma Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Guthrie, Okla. Logan County Stamp Club, hosts.

Oct. 9-10—Italy Stamp Group, Collector's Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.

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CORONATIONS 1953. The Elizabeth Coronation stamps are in demand and popular. Many dealers are unable to supply complete sets. The prevailing retail price is about \$7.50 although some dealers are advertising same at higher prices. It appears that the new issue price of about \$7.50 will not go lower, but may advance.

AUSTRALIA. The Elizabeth Coronation set of three values is getting scarce, especially the two shilling value, without which the set is not complete. Fyndem in Stamp Collecting (London) picks this two shilling stamp used as the "Good Fynd" of the week.

GEORGE VI. The popularity of all Queen Elizabeth stamps in general and the coronations in particular, has resulted in a large demand for all George VI stamps, especially the 1937 coronations.

NEW ZEALAND. The numbers sold of the 1952 Health stamps are as follows:

1½d plus ½d — 5,565,181.

2d plus 1d — 6,303,561.

NEW ZEALAND will issue, on December 14, two stamps to commemorate the Royal Visit. The values will be 3 pence and 4 pence.

NEW ZEALAND. The 1940 Centenary set is getting quite scarce and in demand. Although the 7 pence stamp No. 238 is catalogued highest of the set at \$3.50, the really scarce value is the one shilling No. 241. Higher catalogue prices can be expected.

AUCTION PRICES. Prices realized at auction sales usually express the real current value of stamps, and auction prices in London are a good guide to values of British Empire stamps. Here are some of the prices paid for mint items at recent auction sales in London.

Falkland Islands, No. 52, 2½ on 2d; Scott's price \$125; Gibbons, 30 Pounds or \$84.00. Auction price 20 Pounds or \$56.00.

Gibraltar No. 110 issued in 1938. Scott's price 50c. Perforated 13½ and watermarked sideways the price in Gibbons is 35 Pounds (\$98.) The price in Commonwealth Catalogue is 25 Pounds (\$70.) The auction price 22 Pounds (\$61.50). This stamp was issued in coils only.

Malta No. 65, the 10 shilling black is priced by Scott at \$200. The price in Gibbons is 60 Pounds (\$168.) The auction price was 45 Pounds (\$126.).

Newfoundland. The airmail stamp C5 is priced by Scott at \$700. The price in Gibbons is 220 Pounds (\$616.00) The auction price was 160 Pounds (\$448.00).

Albums Delight "Plate Blockers"

If there is one problem which plagues the collector more than any one other it is that of mounting his plate number blocks. How to mount them safely, preferably without hinges, and in a way so they can be easily checked and seen isn't a simple process to most "plate blockers."

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Gimbels Has NEW ISRAEL COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.



Gimbels has just received two new sets of Israel stamps. The High Holy Day set of three stamps issued on August 11th honors the Jewish New Year 5714. The attractive, interesting designs feature the Holy Arks of three Israel Synagogues. A single commemorative honoring the famed Rabbi Maimonides noted physician and philosopher who lived 1135 - 1204 was issued on August 3rd. Gimbels has combined them in one group. You will want these beautiful, historical stamps for your own collection. Give them to friends - they will make lasting gifts. All unused except first day covers. We'll fill mail or phone orders of \$3.01 or more.

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Concerning A New U.S. Catalog

Some little comment has reached our office concerning a new U. S. Catalog. Perhaps the most important point has been brought out by a letter from Mr. G. Morgan Hall of Grand Rapids, Mich. It is not a new point, but the one that comes up most often when any proposal for a new catalog is made. Mr. Hall says, "But regardless of any other innovations he may contemplate, urge him not to devise a new numbering system, or a new set of numbers. Such a change would produce chaos for which I am confident he would receive a negative blessing from the entire philatelic world."

That we agree with. However there are some reasons in support of a new catalog. Britain has others than the great Gibbons catalog. There is more than one catalog in other countries as well. Scott Publications has had a monopoly on the business for many years. Perhaps some competition would bring better catalogues. Perhaps some competition would bring a catalog at a lower price which would mean greater circulation and would help the hobby. Speaking only of U. S. Catalogs we now have the Scott Specialized, plus the new simplified dollar edition. This latter book is the key to the whole problem. For some years H. E. Harris & Co., have been producing a catalog comparable to this new dollar issue.

We believe that the circulation of the Harris catalog is far greater than the Scott book. Reason, the very low price at which Harris prices his catalog. This is a vital matter. We believe Scott made a mistake in pricing this new catalog at one dollar. It should not have been over 50c and perhaps not over 25c. This latter figure would most likely pay for production and at a 25c price it would have had a circulation several times what it will get under the dollar price and what we need most to help the young stamp collector is a catalog within his reach.

If a new catalog will help the Hobby then we are for it. There is a tremendous need for a low priced catalog for the young collector as well as an honest booklet that will tell him what he should know in an honest way.

It Would Help Reduce The Deficit

We wonder if it has ever occurred to our own Post Office Officials that we need a new set of stamps. The Presidents have been in use for a good many years. They are of course an attractive interesting issue but even so there are sound reasons why we need a new issue.

Right now the British Government seems in a mad hurry to gather American dollars as well as coins from any other source. Colony after colony with no more total population than a good sized country town here in America is putting out high value postage stamps. Stamps with a face value of from two to ten times higher than any stamps they have been using for the past few years. Such stamps are not needed even with world monies in the shape they are. It appears to us stamp-collectors as a simple and easy plan to get a heap of extra dollars. The cost of a plate for a ten shilling stamp is not greater than the cost of a plate for a one penny stamp and the cost of printing is the same, but what a difference in the profit for a small colony that has little or no use for such stamps.

Over here we have been three-cent to death with commemorative after commemorative until we are getting pretty well fed up with such things too.

As we have said, the Presidents are old enough, lets have something new. There are two courses open either one of which would be welcomed by American collectors.

Either give us a commemorative issue in a set with values running up to as high as 50c or even a dollar. A handsome set of this size would be a far better buy for us than British Colonials.

Better still, why not come forth with one of these sets that were frequently rumored in the past. A set glorifying the great country in which we live, in effect a peace set. The world wants peace. Let us set aside stamps glorifying war for the time being. Give us a set showing the greatness of America in Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing, Oil Production, Automobile Transportation by pleasure car or truck or bus, Aviation, Shipping, Railroading, and many other of the great things for which we are the acknowledged world leaders.

Such an issue would serve as a peace issue and would carry to all parts of the world as a message that would sell America to the whole world.

Summer In Florida

This is being written just about the time of the opening of the SPA Convention in Tampa. Thus we can not give you any news about the convention but will do so when we are home again.

About the first part of August Mrs. Linn and your editor took off for a brief visit to Florida. Unlike some people we do not fear Florida in the summer time for as a matter of fact it is quite pleasant if one must judge it by some of the hot humid days and nights we suffer through up north.

Our first objective was our Florida home located in Howey-in-the-Hills where we spent several days enjoying some good fishing. We will drive to Tampa on the morning of the 13th and will be there until Sunday the 16th after which we will return to Howey and in a few days return to Sidney.

Any personal mail held for me will be cared for as quickly as possible after our return.

A Real A.P.S. Election

This is the first year for many years past when the members of the Society will have an honest-to-goodness election instead of a Russian style election. A real attempt is being made to unseat some of that group who have held the society in check for so many years.

If you as a member want freedom and a new deal in A.P.S. affairs then your ticket should be Jacobs for President, the California boys for Vice Presidents, Apfelbaum for Secretary, Steeg for Treasurer, DeVoss for International Secretary with Shoemaker and Glass for Directors.

Personally we can also endorse Don Heath and knew he is a sound man.

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Austrian Commem Hails Unionism

Austria will give its labor unions some philatelic recognition when on August 29 a semipostal of 15 plus 25c becomes valid for postage. The sale will begin August 25. It will mark the 60th anniversary of unionism.



The stamp itself will not be a new design as use will be made of previously issued Scott No. 481 but in a steel blue instead of the 1945 color of red. Dedication will be made via an overprint, "OGB 60 JAHRE GEWERKSCHAFTS BEWEGUNG" (60 Years of Organized Unionism) in a gold ink.

Old numerals of value have been obscured with overprinted ornamental buds, and the new surcharged in the lower left corner, both items also in gold.

Miss Gusti Kopfleitner, a lithographer of the Austrian State Printing Works, designed the overprint. Production is by the same institution in sheets of 50 to the tune of 450,000 copies.

Edwin Mueller of New York City, and the Austrian Postal Administration supplied the illustration and news.

Japan Issues Four Airmails

On August 15 Japan added four new denominations to the airmail series to meet requirements brought on by rate increases effective July 1. The design, common to all, pictures the great image of Buddha, an aeroplane and Mt. Fuji.

Values and colors are 70 yen red brown, 80y dark blue, 115y olive green and 145y dark blue green.

In preparation is a new design for the 2 yen. It will bear a picture of an Akita dog, a breed peculiar to the nation.

The airmails will be produced in panes of twenty stamps.

The above and other Japanese stamps are on sale at face value plus return postage from the Philatelic Agency, Tokyo Central Post Office, Tokyo, Japan.

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Aug. 24—American Bar Association 3c, Boston, Mass. (105 million, 50 per pane).

Sept. 14—Sagamore Hill 3c, Oyster Bay, N.Y. (50 per pane, 110 million).

Oct. 13—Future Farmers of America 3c, Kansas City, Mo.

Oct. 27—Trucking Industry, Los Angeles, Calif. (Value to be announced).

Nov. 11—Gen. Patton 3c, Fort Knox, Ky.

Gadsden Purchase New York City.

ISSUED TO DATE

1017—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. February 23.

1018—Ohio Sesqui 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio, March 2.

1019—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash., March 2.

1020—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo., April 30.

1021—Aviation 3c, Dayton, Ohio, May 29.

1021—Commodore Perry 5c, Washington, D. C., July 14.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable number, each with a name and address, and enclosing a stuffer, to the c/o Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for first day service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed to the covers.

Poles 'N Mountains On India Commems

Heresewith is a picture of the design which "Communications on Stamps" collectors will want to add to their albums. It will be issued by India on November 1 and will mark the centenary of telegraph service there.



While two years late, if the dates "1851-1951" on the stamp are to be authentic, it will nevertheless have a wide appeal. Shown are old (to the left) and new (right) telegraph poles against a background of snow-capped mountains.

The denominations are 2 annas green, and 12a blue. Printing will be by the photogravure process at the Security Press. The design was adapted by staff artists of the firm from photographs supplied by the Director General of Posts.

Reds Give Germans Five Year Plan

The Communists who press the buttons and pull the levers of control in eastern Germany have seen to it that this satellite will have a five year plan just like the mother country and other unwilling victims of the aggression.

This is evidenced by a set of seventeen stamps for regular postage released August 10 with the figure "5" prominently in each design.

According to Walter Horn of Dresden-A 21, Germany the denominations are: 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 48, 60, 80 and 84 pfennigs.

Trieste Stamp In Limited Quantity

Final figures indicate that only 442,700 copies of the 200 Lire value of the now obsolete Work set were issued. Of this total only 100,000 were of the second type perforated 13 1/4 x 14.

Joseph V. Bush of Chula Vista, Calif. believes that of this quantity probably only 25,000 exist mint, the rest having postal use.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

And still the brickbating continues!

Each mail brings me newspaper clippings which thoughtful readers have sent, and all of which have adverse criticism for the Post Office Department, its stamps, stamp designs, and events for which they are issued.

It seems as though it has become fashionable for editors and writers to poke their "dipped pens" at Uncle Samuel's mail monopoly.

For months and years while the Democrats controlled things this column praised and condemned them as the occasion warranted, and it must be confessed that from where I sit, the latter was more often merited than the former.

The stamp program in recent years has come to be a tool of cheap and tawdry politics and not the fine thing of national expression it could so well be.

When Mr. Summerfield took over collectors expected some heads-up cooperation and practical administration. The Republicans are supposed to have good business men more concerned with planned operation than the willy-nilly loose and corrupt way of doing things ended with the elections of last year.

I think the nation as a whole is tremendously disappointed with Mr. Summerfield and his cohorts — they expected much better. The same old politics as usual, and the same lackadaisical appreciation of postage stamps remains.

The attitude still exists of "Give 'em a stamp — their design — they got votes we could use."

Whether Mr. Summerfield cares to realize it or not the United States has been subject to much ridicule for its stamps. Frankly, as a citizen, the less we have of being a laughing matter to any of our neighbors, the better off our good old U. S. A. is going to fare.

1. What was the last stamp issued with a recognizable flower on it?

2. On which commemorative would you find an alembic?

I'm probably sticking my beautiful, long, muchly-scared lily white neck out way to here, but never can it be said I dodged an issue even at the expense of a bloody and sometimes bowed head.

Why should the Post Office Department be prevailed upon to issue a commemorative for the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States? Pressure is on heavy for such a stamp.

To me, this is starting another one of those things which end up with honors to the Chicken Growers, the Chemists, the Truckers, the Bankers, the Lawyers, the Railroad Engineers, et al, none of whom can be classed as classically important to the nation as a whole. We like and need all those professions and businesses and they have contributed to the well being of various citizens. But to the extent of a stamp, no.

I'll probably be accused of anti-this 'n that, and various prejudices, all of which exist neither in my mind or heart.

The Jewish people have offered no more than other segments to the growth and well-being of our nation. They have contributed like others have contributed, they have worked like other workers — but it took the united efforts of many peoples to build a going concern here between Canada and Mexico, and the oceans.

The Post Office Department can just as well figure if the Goldbergs are honored, the Schmidts, Browns, O'Toole's, Czechowskis and the Romeros are going to raise particular hell (bad word) for their share of philatelic notice, too.

George D. Webb of Atlanta, Ga. sent the following which he claimed appeared in one of the CIO Newspapers. It was titled, " — Or Put Chlorophyll In The Mucilage." Author's name not given. It reads:

"If you see one of Uncle Sam's mail trucks lurching down your street bearing an advertising poster reading 'DON'T WRITE — TELEGRAPH,' don't do a double take."

"It will be only one of the changes Republicans may have in store for you. Though they campaigned on a 'Take government out of business' theme, some GOP leaders want to put government in business more solidly than ever.

"Before Congress is a proposal by Rep. Latham (R. N. Y.) to sell

advertising space on 16,500 mail trucks and the 350,000 mail boxes.

"Union leaders with an ironic sense of humor declare that Latham's brainstorm doesn't go half far enough.

"He completely missed the biggest opportunity of all," said one union official. "He should have proposed — and he probably will — that the government sell advertising space on our postage stamps."

"Instead of George Washington on one stamp, we could have an ad for General Electric garbage disposals. Instead of Thomas Jefferson on another stamp we'd have an appeal to eat Crunchie-Wunchies, and we'd drop Abraham Lincoln's portrait and replace it with a slogan for El Skunko cigars or even with the Western Union motto, Don't Write — Telegraph!"

And don't forget the great advertising possibilities on the other side of the stamp. Candy mint manufacturers will want to mix their flavors into the mucilage, and it's a cinch that at least one businessman will figure out a way to work in the fragrance of a deodorant he manufactures."

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DEPT.: M. S. Wolverton, Ardmore, Okla.; Capt. L. C. Ackley, Korea; Song Ki Choo, Pusan, Korea; Charles J. Keenan, Portland, Ore.; H. M. Brehm, New London, Wis.; Leroy E. Bailey, Douglas, Ariz.; Joseph W. Roberts, Moundsville, W. Va.; Howard G. Brunsman, Arlington, Va.

Two post offices, fourth class, with colorful names will be discontinued August 31. They're the kind you can do stunts with.

One is Black Wolf, Kansas, the other, Birthright, Texas.

Another in the fancy name category which was supposed to have

been put out of business on August 15 is Feeding Hills, Mass. However, it wasn't, and its stay of execution is indefinite at the moment.

There are two articles in the July-August edition of the "Seaposter" official organ of the Maritime Postmark Society which shed more than ordinary light on their subjects. One is "Via Nicaragua Ahead of the Mails" by Ethel Harper, the other, "Paquebot Covers, How To Acquire Them" by Walter P. Valiant.

Collectors at some time or another have the urge to learn more about both after the expressions have come to them via philatelic publications and otherwise.

Edwin Drechsel is the editor and Alan T. Tattersall, 1415 Osceola Court, Orlando, Fla., secretary-treasurer. As the group's title implies, they are interested in postmarks applied to mail by commercial vessels at sea.

With the Official Announcement confirming the predicted first day of issue and place of the Patton commem given here some weeks ago, only the Gadsden Purchase details are still tentative. The New York is scheduled for the opening day of the ASDA Exhibition and Bourse in NYC.

Patton's honor will come November 11 at Fort Knox, Ky., his birthday and Armistice Day, and the day on which probably no other

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DENMARK. The long rumored postage set commemorating Denmark's 1000 years as a monarchy is now an accomplished fact with the announcement of the first stamp in the set with a September 5 first day of issue.

It will be a 10 ore green depicting the large rune-stone, the Jellingstone, as representative of the first century of the 900-1000 millennium to be remembered.



The Jellingstone, located a couple of miles northwest of Veile on Jutland, has many runes telling of the Viking King Harald's far from peaceful exploits. Viggo Bang designed the stamp, Bent Jacobsen was responsible for the engraving.

During the next few years this first item will be followed with an additional nine released from time to time. Each will be inscribed appropriately and will picture an image characteristic of the century of designation.

Each stamp in the series will have identical frames with but the millenary years changing. They will be 1½ times the size of the current regular postage issue, printed on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 50 by the Post Office Printery.

SWEDEN. The Telegraph in Sweden though a government office operates as a separate unit from the Post Office Department. However the latter is preparing two commemoratives for the former's centenary which occurs on November 1.

Other than the bare announcement of the stamps, no other details have been given.

SWEDEN. July 1, 1855 saw the first Swedish stamps issued. The centenary will be celebrated with an international philatelic exhibition July 1955.

It is to be regretted that it is thought necessary to finance this stamp festival with the surtax from one or more semipostals announced by the Post Office Department. No further details have been released.

PLEASE. A number of readers of this column have written to me on various matters in which I am always happy to cooperate if at all possible. However, very few have sent along any form of payment for the stamps used to mail replies back to them.

I know you do not have Swedish stamps to send me for return postage, but if you will send a nicely centered mint block of commems, that will help reduce my postage bill which is becoming quite sizeable answering your inquiries.

STAMP HINGING. This matter has always been of interest and concern to collectors. The hinging of mint stamps has quite an effect on the value of a collection. If done poorly, the worth can be reduced; if well, where the hinge peels without any sizeable mark on the gum, the value can be enhanced.

Hinging should also be carried out with the thought of keeping the stamps undamaged in the album as the pages are turned.

If the hinge is applied so that a

small part of it shows above the top edge of the stamp it is unsightly and gives the stamp an opportunity to swing out as the page is turned, causing, perhaps, a bent or folded one.

If the hinge is applied just about one-sixteenth of an inch below the top of the stamp the swinging is controlled to some extent. If placed in the center of the stamp the stamp is held firmly and close to the page.

However, some collectors like to have their stamps hinged in such a manner so that the stamp can be raised for inspection of its back, or for the purpose of adding a note beneath it. I am one of them, and I believe I have evolved a system which permits viewing of the back, and at the same time eliminates the potential damage when a page is turned.

The hinge is applied on the left edge, in the center, and just past the perforations, so the hinge will not show. This permits lifting the stamp without damage, and also provides for the laying of it against the page when it is turned.

**precancel
NEWS**

Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

PLS DATEDS

The Findlay Letter Shop, Findlay, Ohio has been using printed dateds for some months now and although the concern prints a lot of philatelic forms such as album pages, town lists, and catalogs, a lot of their work is for regular commercial users of printing, also.

Since any firm that is connected with philately that uses Dateds the idea seems to be that such items will never amount to much. I happen to know that there are no large quantities of these used each month and that no denominations other than those needed or regularly obtainable at the Findlay office are ever Dated.

I have a hunch that one of these days collectors will be searching for these things and find the going rough.

TOWNS OF THE SOUTH

A town collection of the following states is complete if it has the number of towns from each state as follows. Alabama 197, Arkansas 191, Kentucky 221, Louisiana 119, Mississippi 143, Oklahoma 271, Tennessee 252, and Texas 606.

**STAMP DISPLAY AT
Antique Exhibition**

When the Waverly Antique Show opens its doors at Waverly, Pa. September 14 and 15 visitors will find something extra has been added—the extra being an exhibition of stamps by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philatelic Society of Scranton.

In connection with the show a souvenir pane has been prepared by the stamp club to sell at 10¢ each plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send orders and payment to Donald K. Isburgh, 901 Woodlawn St., Scranton 9, Pa.

**Dealer *
Doings**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gotsman have been busily and happily occupied welcoming visitors and customers to their new retail store location. It is the Wilshire Stamp Co. now at 7758 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 46, Calif. The firm also carries on an extensive mail business in new issues and older issues and covers. At regular intervals auctions are staged by mail.

Since their appearance with the first one on March 26, 1951, "Our Famous Americans" by H. M. Brehm, New London, Wis. have been one of Linn's most popular features. In order to meet many reader requests, Mr. Brehm has had a number of these biographical sketches reprinted on 8½ x 11 three-ring pages. You will find his offer in this edition on page nine.

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Attention is called to the series of ads in Linn's of Sidney D. Harris, Mahopac 6, N.Y. beginning with the July 20 edition offering slightly damaged copies of higher catalogued and older mint stamps at bargain prices. Many not able to afford very fine copies are more than happy to complete their albums with these. Check the ads, or write for list.

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GENERAL PATTON

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obstacles. Only thirteen contestants managed to finish the course, and Georgie Patton rated in sixth place.

Then came his last chance to redeem himself — the 4000-meter run, to start at the stadium and after leading through two and a half miles of broken country, to again wind up at the stadium. Determined to win this event or bust, our hero again overdid it; it was a blazing hot day—several runners were prostrated and one of them died. Patton just managed to stagger in, half a mile behind the winner, and then fainted dead away in front of the royal box of Gustavus V.

In the final summary, Patton had placed fifth among 43 contestants in the Modern Pentathlon. He won no cups, no medals, but he had accomplished what few other men could boast—he had met some twoscore of the best all-round athletes in the civilized world—and had given them a good run for their money.

In 1916 Patton was stationed at Fort Bliss in Texas when the so-called Mexico incident occurred—some 400 irregulars, or brigands, raided Columbus, New Mexico, supposedly led by that thorn in our side, Francisco (Pancho) Villa, from across the border. The mounted raiders raced through the little outpost town, burning the Commercial Hotel and some other buildings, and killing several American civilians.

"Well, Bee," said Georgie Patton to his ever-loving wife, "I guess I'll be starting now on a trip I can't take you along on. Surely, the State Department can't ignore those cocky s. o. b.'s down there any longer, with what we've got here, ready for them." And he pointed out the window, where a veritable city of canvas stretched as far as man could see.

Patton was right. Next day, General Pershing received orders to immediately organize a punitive expedition to follow Villa into Mexico and avenge the wanton attack. But Patton's beloved 8th Cavalry was slated to stay behind. Doggone, he wanted to be where fighting loomed and not sit home on his pratt.

So by hook or crook (we imagine mostly crook) he hornswoggled ol' Black Jack Pershing into taking him along as an aide "on special service." And true to his word, he saw to it that General Pershing never regretted his choice.

Sometime later, deep in the heart of Mexico, Patton was detailed to forage for corn and other fodder for the horses. He started out with one corporal and three men, plus a civilian interpreter, in three Dodge touring cars, and by noon had contracted for a considerable amount of grain and other fodder.

Deciding on one more try, they approached a good-sized house with battlemented roof. To their surprise, three mounted horsemen burst out of the gate and fled down the road, shooting as they went. Ah, this was it. Patton unlimbered his famous pearl-handled gun and fired a quick shot, wounding one of the escapees and with another shot, downed one of the horses. His men did the rest and in short order the detail had three dead Mexicans on their hands.

With quick decision, Patton ordered the three bodies strapped on the car's fenders, just as deer-hunters up north bring back their prize; and so they ran the gauntlet in little nearby towns and continued on until the cars stopped where Patton reported "Mission accomplished, sir—also have three dead Mexicans out front."

As it turned out, one of the killed was General Cardenas, one of Villa's top henchmen. So Pershing immediately raised him to first lieutenant, after which little Georgie sat down to carve two notches into his gun. Aneint his famous guns, and his sometime nickname of "Two-Gun Pete" in those earlier days he seems to have carried but one gun, an oldtime Colt frontier pistol which always remained his favorite weapon of defense.

Cheers!
In France, General Eisenhower put him in command of our famous Third Army, which was just then experiencing the agony of the Battle of the Bulge, under von Rundstedt's clever strategy. What was needed to counteract this setback was Allied air support in great quantity—but all planes were grounded at the flying fields by continual and continued rains and heavy fog.

Later, in full dress and often "on parade," his pictures show him with two holstered guns at his hips—the second gun was supposedly a regulation Army .45 automatic to which he, himself, had the pearl handles added.

When Congress voted for war against Germany on account of her unrestricted U-boat warfare against neutral ships, we had a standing army of 130,000 men, plus 67,000 National Guardsmen, some of whom were being transported overseas, to form the nucleus of the American Expeditionary force. Patton, impatient to get into actu-

al fighting, asked, "What's delaying us? Why do we have to wait until the whole goddam United States is under arms? Some of us are ready to fight now."

A few days later he received orders to appear before General Pershing in Washington, who was designated as commander of the A.E.F.

"Captain Patton," said the General, "how would you like to command my headquarters troops?"

Holy cow—Captain Patton—another promotion—and commander of the boss's Palace Guard. Things sure were looking up for the boy who had always loved to play at war.

Georgie rushed back home to pack his beloved Bee and two daughters off to Pride's Crossing and then set about selecting the men for his troop—the best horsemen he could find in the 5th Cavalry at Fort Meyer—though their mastery of horsemanship was to be of little avail in this new kind of war.

And it wasn't in the cards for Patton to face the enemy astride a horse—his was to be another kind of a mount this time. The tanks were just coming into warfare. They were heavy, clumsy things that traveled only about two miles per hour—but they stopped Mauser bullets and could cross ditches, and Georgie became so enamored of their use in battle that Pershing upped him to lieutenant-colonel and named him commander of the American Tank Corps, although there were no U.S. tanks in Europe until after the Armistice was signed.

But he and some of his "corps" made a few forays in 144 tanks borrowed from the French army—during which doings he received a burst of machine-gun fire in his thigh and thereby became a battle casualty.

In World War II, he was placed in charge of cleaning up in North Africa, where Rommel's hordes were running wild across the plains of Tunisia. General Eisenhower cabled him, "Dear Georgie—Algiers has been ours for two days, Oran defenses are crumbling rapidly, the only tough nut left to crack is up to you." Signed IKE.

And a tough nut he found it to be. The defending U.S. forces and also any British and French troops were widely scattered and thoroughly disorganized. The heat of the desert was almost unbearable and the troops were down in the mouth and wishing for home, to say the least. Patton's first morale booster came with his order that every able-bodied man must shave each morning, get a haircut at least once each week, and keep his clothes in as neat order as possible—even as he himself did each day.

This boost in morale seems to have helped, and it wasn't too long before Rommel's army had been pushed back—some into the actual sea—while their "big shot" fled across the Mediterranean and back to Germany—and all the fighting men and the liberated peoples in Africa hailed Patton as their hero and the saviour of their bodies and souls.

And it was but a repeat performance in Sicily, at Palermo and up the coast of Italy, until he was ordered to Central Europe by General Eisenhower.

General Patton was absolutely fearless and a thorough fatalist, believing that nothing could harm him personally until "his day came up." While waiting at the docks in England for trans-shipment of his personal goods to France, and noticing a goodly crowd gathering about his shiny Cadillac, complete with all insignia, his personal flags, and upholstered in bright red leather, he felt a touch of the old showmanship once again.

Stepping inside his "battle-wagon" and onto the red cushions, he made an impromptu speech to the crowd, which ended with the remark that "if no one else has the guts to do so, he, personally, would drill that s.o.b. paper-hanger's hide full of bullet holes as soon as he got to Berlin."

Denominations and designs are 20 filler bicycle racing 30f swimming, 40f gymnastics, 50f discus throwing, 60f wrestling—all regulars; 80f water ball, 1 Forint boxing, 2Ft. soccer, 3Ft track, 5Ft the stadium.

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couple of hundred thousands of those krauts."

The chaplain demurred. "It is not in the realm of theology to pray for something to help kill your fellow man," he declared. Patton turned on him in amazement. "What the hell do you think you are, a theologian or an officer of the United States Third Army?" he asked. "I want that prayer, and damn quick."

He got it, just before Christmas, and the General had it printed on thousands of Yule cards, with his personal greetings on the reverse side. The card read: "Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee, that armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen."

Patton sent the cards as a Merry Christmas greeting to every officer and soldier in the Third Army—and verily, the rain stopped, the planes took off, Patton's army started rolling again, and the salient was flattened out. His advances had voided any further danger from the Bulge saved the American and British armies from being separated and cut off from each other. Most of his final maneuvering took place in Belgium and Luxembourg, in which countries, as everywhere, he became the hero of the war.

The war over, he was resting in Luxembourg waiting further assignment, possibly back to the United States—when on December 9, 1945, his number, about which he had boasted throughout a lifetime, came up. To while away the time he and some friends set out that morning for a day of pheasant shooting at Mannheim, sixty miles south of his headquarters at Bad Nauheim.

Not far out, an army truck cut across the front of Patton's limousine and the two vehicles crashed. The General's driver and his hunting partner escaped serious injury, but Patton was hurled against the front seat, and suffered a broken neck. He was rushed immediately to the American Hospital at Heidelberg and Mrs. Patton was flown from the United States to his bedside.

For twelve days that tough old man of battle fought against the paralysis which made a leaden thing of his fine body. But a lung infection was added to the paralysis, and that was one thing that the old warrior had not learned to conquer.

He died peacefully in his sleep with his ever-loving Bee by his side. It was December 21. The words Patton uttered when he felt the hand of Death upon him were brief and to the point. Said he, "This is a hell of a way to die."

Same old rough-and-ready to the very end.

They buried him in the U.S. Military Cemetery at Hamm in Luxembourg—under the same plain wooden cross bearing the typical name, rank and serial number as the buddies all around him, except that in his case four golden stars were added, and 3rd Army. And there he lies today, and will continue to lie, at his own final request. We hope he has found peace....

Hungary Issues Sports Designs

Sports on Stamps enthusiasts are the group particularly the target of the Hungarian Postal Administration which on August 20 issued a set of commemoratives, five regulars and five airmails, for the opening of the Peoples Sport Stadium.

The large square designs are so printed that the stamps assume a diamond shape. They are quite attractive as Hungarian stamps usually are both from the coloring and picture viewpoints.

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Also, from the same source, is the news that stamps of the "Buildings" series have had a face lifting in that the denominations of 8, 12, 20, 30, 40 and 60 filler re-

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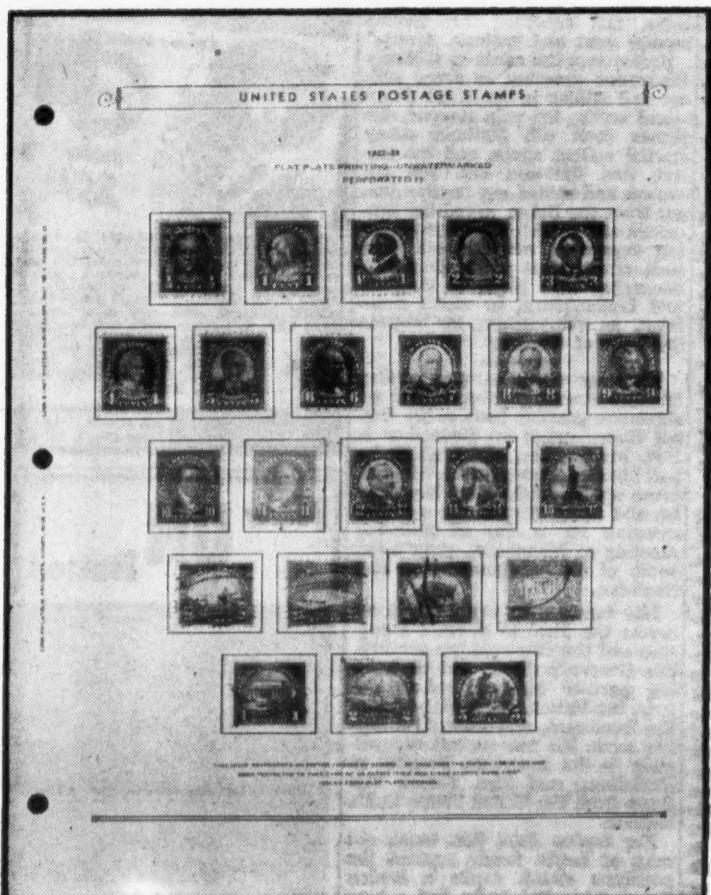
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POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

Fancy Pickings For Topicalists

Two new definitive issues and several design and color alterations will all appear on September 1 according to A.J.E. Davis, Washington, D. C. representative of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

The definitives are to come from British Honduras and Nigeria and are in keeping with the new political era of the British Commonwealth. Two will be 3½ pence stamps, issued alternately in the same sheet, in claret, portraying Lt. Governor W. Patterson and Lt. Governor D. Collins. The 2 shilling stamp, in green, will feature a view of Sullivan Cove, Hobart.

Printing of all was from engraved plates by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. Each is in two colors and in the following description the vignette is given first.



1c, green and black, Arms of the Colony; 2c brown and black. Mountain cow; 3c purple and magenta, Legislative Council and Mace; 4c sepia and green, Pine Industry; 5c dark green and red, Spiny lobster; 10c gray and blue, Stanley Field Airport; 15c yellow green and violet, Maya Frieze; 25c blue and brown, Blue butterfly; 30c brown and purple, Maya Indian; 31 slate blue and brown, Armadillo; 32 red and gray, Hawkesworth Bridge; 5c violet and gray, Mountain orchid.

ITALY — Two stamps have been released marking the 4th anniversary of the Atlantic Pact, according to P. Ostrow. The 25 and 60 lire stamps show the American and European continents joined by a rainbow.

NEW CALEDONIA — Four designs have been selected for the new issue marking the 100th anniversary of French "presence" in the islands. 1.50fr will portray Admiral Bruni d'Entrecasteaux and his frigates, "Recherche" and "Esperance."

The 2fr will depict Monseigneur Douarre and the Noumea Cathedral; the 6fr will portray Dumont d'Urville and feature a map of New Caledonia, and the 13fr will picture Admiral Febvrier Despointes, with a view of the bay of Noumea.

POLAND — Varimex reports 80gr. and 1.35zl. stamps honoring the Polish merchant navy (small and large ships), and 20gr. and 2.35zl. stamps for the national day (July 22), picturing buildings. Both sets were released July 15.

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